

## CHAPTER 247.

AN ACT entitled a supplement to the act to re-organise the common schools of St. Mary's county, and to levy a tax for the support of the same, passed January session eighteen hundred and fifty-three, chapter two hundred and seventy-nine.

Passed  
Mar. 10, 1854.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of the school commissioners of St. Mary's county, and they are hereby empowered, to make such changes from time to time, in the lines and boundaries of the several school districts, and to create such additional school districts in said county, as in their judgment may be required for the convenient education of the children therein.

Duty of commissioners.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if it shall happen that any school shall not be kept open ten months in a year, as required by the fourteenth section of the act to which this is a supplement, it shall notwithstanding be the duty of said school commissioners to pay or cause to be paid to the order of the trustees of such school district, so much of a distributive portion of the money which shall be in the hands of said school commissioners for distribution, as shall be a fair pro rata compensation for any shorter period than ten months, during which any school shall be kept open by any teacher properly authorised to open the same.

Proportion of money.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if any money shall be left in the hands of the treasurer of the school fund for St. Mary's county, after defraying expenses, and paying teachers of the several school districts annually, the same shall be invested by the said treasurer, under the direction of the said board of school commissioners, and when invested, the said board of school commissioners may collect the same, and if necessary may sue in the name of the State of Maryland, for their use, to recover any amount that may be thus due them, and the said fund shall all times be under the control and management of said board of school commissioners, to be managed and disposed of by them, as shall in their judgment best subserve the purposes of education in the primary schools in said county.

Investment of money.